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~~16~~ (twice amended) A method [of] for recording indicia on a surface of an object comprising:

predeterminately relatively positioning a radiation beam generating means and an object to be recorded on by means of radiant energy generated by said generating means,

detecting when such predetermined relative positioning is effected between said radiation beam generating means and said object and generating a first recording cycle initiating control signal upon effecting said predetermined relative positioning,

applying said control signal to address a memory containing information recorded therein and defining different indicia to be recorded on said object and reproducing [such] select information from said memory as coded electrical control signals,

generating a beam of recording radiation and directing said radiation beam generating means in a manner to cause said beam to intersect a first portion of said object while applying a first group of select electrical control signals derived from said memory to selectively control said radiation beam during the relative scanning movement between said beam and said object in a manner to effect the recording of first indicia on a first select portion of said object,

thereafter generating [respective] further select groups of indicia defining control signals derived from said memory in synchronization with further relative scanning movement between said radiation beam and said object and applying said further select control signals to further control said beam to cause it to effect the recording of respective additional indicia on the surface of said object so as to define at least one line of indicia extending across a band-like area of the surface of said object.

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~~17~~ ¹⁶ (amended) A method in accordance with claim ~~16~~ ¹⁵ wherein the controlled relative movement between the beam generated by said radiation beam generating means and said object is effected by controllably deflecting said beam and controllably moving said object.

Claim 18

line 2 change "provided" to --provide--.

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~~8. (Twice Amended) A method in accordance with claim~~

1 wherein said object is made of sheet material and has a rectangular wall along which wall said radiation recording is effected and said scanning is controlled to provide said indicia along a record track which extends parallel to an edge of said rectangular wall of said object.

Claim 9

Line 2 After "is" add -- made of --; cancel "sheet"

Claim 10

Line 3 Cancel "along"

Line 4 Change "a" to -- an --.